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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 5368

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CALL ON PHOUNE SIPRASEUTH, DELEGATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

1. DELEGATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PHOUNE SIPRASEUTH RECEIVED ME FOR INTIAL COURTESY CALL AUGUST 25, CONFIRMING OUR IMPRESSION THAT DELAY IN SCHEDULING CALL DUE TO PRE-OCCUPATION WITH LIBERATION OF VIENTIANE WHICH ENDED SATURDAY, AUGUST 23. ONLY OTHER PERSON PRESENT WAS SOUKTHAVONE KEOLA, ATTACHE DE CABINET. PHOUNE AND I SPOKE IN FRENCH WITHOUT INTERPRETER. TONE OF MEETING WAS FRIENDLY AND INFORMAL AND NO SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS AROSE.

2. I TOLD PHOUNE I WAS HAPPY TO BE BACK IN VIENTIANE WHERE I HAD SERVED IN 1951-52, THAT ALTHOUGH I WELL UNDERSTOOD THERE WERE AND WOULD BE PROBLEMS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, I WOULD DO MY BEST TO MAINTAIN THE BEST RELATIONS POSSIBLE IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, INFORMING HIM FRANKLY OF U.S. GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS AND FAITHFULLY REPORTING VIEWS OF HIS GOVERNMENT. HE WELCOMED ME, WISHED ME WELL AND EXPRESSED A DESIRE FOR FRIENDLY RELATIONS.
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3. IN PASSING, PHOUNE MENTIONED THAT THE THAT LUANG
LIBERATION OF VIENTIANE DEMONSTRATIONS HAD BEEN A VERY
SUCCESSFUL "INTRODUCTION OF THE PEOPLE TO DEMOCRACY." HE ALSO
CONFIRMED THAT GENERAL BOUNPONE HAD GONE TO PEKING FOR GALL
BLADDER SURGERY AND ADDED MADAME BOUNPONE HAD ACCOMPANIED HIM
FOR TREATMENT OF A THROAT AILMENT.

4. AP REPORTER ASKED ME AS I LEFT IF IT WERE NOT UNSUAL
THAT MY FIRST CONTACT WITH PGNU CAME 17 DAYS AFTER MY ARRIVAL.
I SAID, "NO",AND ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH THIS WAS MY
FIRST OFFICIAL CALL I HAD BEEN IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE WEEK BEFORE LAST
AND HAD MET VARIOUS MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT AND OTHER OFFICIALS
INFORMALLY.

5. COMMENT: THIS WAS PURELY A PROTOCOL CALL AND
SERVED ONLY TO PAVE THE WAY FOR FURTHER CONTACTS WITH
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PGNU.
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